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The Honorable Chuck Hagel  
Secretary of Defense  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

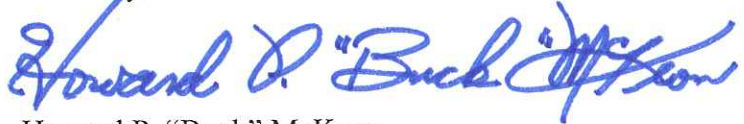
I am writing to request your assistance in providing to the committee the classified version of the Department of Defense's timeline for the attack that occurred in Benghazi, Libya on September 11-12, 2012.

The committee has requested this timeline from The Joint Staff. However, The Joint Staff has indicated that there would be delay in delivery of this timeline due to a requirement to coordinate it within the interagency.

This timeline is critical to ensuring that the committee has a comprehensive understanding of the events that transpired on September 11-12, 2012 in Benghazi, Libya. It is also critical for the committee's ongoing oversight activities. A delay in providing this classified timeline to the committee would hamper both of those requirements. Therefore, I request that this timeline is provided to the committee immediately.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Howard P. "Buck" McKeon  
Chairman

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